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For: **MOTOR FOR USE WITH MOTORIZED POWER STEERING APPARATUS**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated July 15, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been examined and are all the claims pending in the application.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) - AAPA, Maruyama

The examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,369,322 (hereinafter Maruyama). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.